

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3010 - HB 3007

February 20, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a local education agency to use such funds generated for the school nurse component of the BEP to directly employ public school nurses and/or to contract with the Tennessee Public School Nurse Program for provision of school health services. At the conclusion of the 1998-99 school year or any school year thereafter, if any portion of such funds are not expended by the local education agency to directly employ public school nurses and/or to contract with the Tennessee public school nurse program for provision of such health services, then the local education agency must return to the state an amount equal to such portion of such funds. Present law provides that the BEP will fund one full-time public school nurse for every 3,000 students or one per LEA whichever is greater. The law provides that after the BEP is fully funded, an LEA must use such funds to directly employ or contract for a public school nurse or must advise the Department of Education that it has affirmatively decided not to do so and the alternative arrangements made to meet student's health needs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - Not Significant
Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes that most school systems will hire school nurses to meet mandate of bill rather than return funds to the state in an amount equal to the portion of such funds received to employ such school nurses.

For informational purposes, it should be noted that for the 1996-97 school year a total of 48 systems were not employing or contracting for public school nurses. If all affected systems did not comply, an amount of approximately \$2,385,000 would be returned to the state from local governments.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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